

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: David L. Romero
Barbara A. Casey
Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney
Juan Gonzales, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor David L. Romero asked for a moment of silence for prayers and thoughts for the victims and families of the South Texas church shooting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Cordia Sammeth thanked the City for the successful Boofest event and how they made everyone feel safe and welcomed. Ms. Sammeth spoke about the importance of food security; she encouraged local gardeners and stated that personal gardens might be what we have to depend on due to climate change. Ms. Sammeth advised she was happy to see the water conservation ordinance regarding the exemption for watering personal gardens due to some not being able to afford to pay the fines. Ms. Sammeth asked Mayor and Council to please consider the amendment to the water conservation ordinance.

Discussion Items

1. Resolution 17-43 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos advised that The City of Las Vegas was requesting increases to the FY2018 Budgeted revenues, expenditures, transfers to and from within various funds of the FY2018 Budget.

Finance Director Gallegos spoke about finalizing grants that came in after the final budget was approved. Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos advised there were a few different funds that they were requesting money for to use towards engineering services, maintenance, renovations, roofing and other repairs.

Mayor and Council had various questions and concerns regarding the different funds and types of services that would be taking place.

Finance Director Gallegos and Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry answered all the questions and concerns.

Councilor Casey asked what was meant by propane back up.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised it was the Peak Shaving Plant which was a propane back up facility that was non-operational and could not be brought back into service without spending a large amount of money and stated there had not been a need for it. She advised that they were looking at paying a company to safely remove the propane, dismantle and decommission the system.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked what would happen to the propane and if it could be donated to people throughout town. Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón also advised she wanted to know about the entire process of the disposal or removal of the propane and wanted to make sure if they sell it, the funds would go back into the general fund and if they dispose of it, wanted to know who it went to.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry addressed all the questions and concerns.

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón asked what the pleasure of the board was and they all agreed to place on consent agenda.

2. Resolution No. 17-40 assigning official representatives and signatory authority for the CWSRF 071 loan agreement with the New Mexico Environmental Department.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that this resolution was required by the funding agency to assign representatives and signatory authority for the loan agreement.

Utilities Director Gilvarry spoke about requesting authorization for the resolution to allow them to designate certain city officials for signatory authority for the CWSRF Clean Water loan and added that the funding agency required designation of who would be signatory authority. Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that the

changes on the Resolution requested by NMED included the designation for the Mayor to sign the loan agreement and promissory note.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if she would be added to the signatory card.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that it was not required because of her position and the signatory card was required specifically for authorizing officers which were the City Manager, Finance Director and those who could sign for reimbursement.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked what the pleasure of the board was and they all agreed to place on consent agenda.

3. Installation of high speed pumps at the water treatment filter plant.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that this project was for the upgrade and replacement of electrical and mechanical components for four high service pumps at the water treatment plant. She added that these new components would bring the system into compliance with current industry standards and allows for continued delivery of fresh drinking water into the distribution system and provides adequate pressure to the City's fire hydrants and that the current system was aged and had received little modification since the installation in 1978-1980.

Utilities Director Gilvarry spoke about requesting approval on a project to install and replace a high speed pump, the electrical equipment and the mechanical components at the water treatment plant. Ms. Gilvarry advised the Water Treatment Plant Manager Don Cole would discuss the age, history, condition, some hindrances to maintaining the pumps and the benefits of replacing the pumps.

Water Treatment Plant Manager Cole advised that the high service pumps were a pivot point in the water treatment system and advised they were at the final stage of creating drinking water and then putting it into the system. He advised that the tanks were located in the oldest building on the water treatment plant

campus; they were the original pumps which were about forty years old and were made by a company that no longer makes that type of pump. Water Treatment Plant Manager Cole informed that they were proposing to replace all the electrical equipment that supply power to all four high service pumps and then replace one of the pumps this year. He stated that they would replace the rest of the pumps in subsequent years so they would not all have the same life cycle, ending at the same time.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. asked if the company that sells the pumps gave a warranty or a life expectancy and if it was a brand name company in case they needed to order parts or have them fix the pumps.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that Alpha Southwest was the contractor who would be installing the equipment and providing modern up to date pumps which would be repairable and warranted.

Water Treatment Plant Manager Don Cole advised the life expectancy for that type of pump should be about twenty years.

Councilor Howell asked if this project was on the priority list and if they had a list of the priorities.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry advised that this project was on the list and that they had given Mayor and the Governing body a list of the priorities.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked what the pleasure of the board was and they all agreed to place on consent agenda.

4. Publication of Ordinance No. 17-11 to enter into a loan agreement with the New Mexico Environmental Department.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that this loan was for the purpose of obtaining project loan funding for the Waste Water Treatment plant lift stations and added that the principal loan amount was \$350,000 and the subsidy grant fund amount was \$100,000 for a total funded amount of \$450,000.

Utilities Director Gilvarry spoke about publishing the ordinance that would authorize the City to enter into a loan agreement for CWSRF 071, for a grant loan for \$450,000 that would allow the Waste Water Treatment Plant to move forward with the rehabilitation of three lift stations that have exceeded their life span. She advised that when lift stations fail they stop pumping sewage water and start to fill up in the vaults and added that with the funds at a zero percent interest they would be able to rehabilitate all three lift stations.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked what the pleasure of the board was and they all agreed to place on consent agenda.

5. Publication of Ordinance No. 17-12 Amending Water Conservation Ordinance.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised that this was a Water Conservation Amendment of Ordinance 440-26, to add small personal food gardens to the exception on the ordinance.

Utilities Director Gilvarry spoke about requesting to publish the amendment to the water conservation ordinance and stated that the amendment they were requesting was to add an exemption that allows residents with a 200 hundred square foot or less, personal food garden that would allow them to water their food gardens and would not fall under the restrictions of the water conservation ordinance. She advised that the approximate usage of water for a 200 hundred square foot garden was about 125 gallons per week during the growing season, and stated that if one hundred people started a 200 square foot garden it would be equivalent to eight homes and their water consumption over the year.

Councilor Howell had concerns regarding the amount of water used by local gardeners and asked if they would be penalized due to the conservation.

Utilities Director Gilvarry advised there was an average of about 125 gallons and that it could be more or less, depending on the type of vegetation they had and stated that residents would follow the same rules and regulations as everyone

else. She informed that it was a tiered rate structure so if they did move up to a higher tier at that time they would pay more per gallon.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked what the pleasure of the board was and they all agreed to place on consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Corinna Laszlo-Henry advised there was a need for executive session pertaining to threatened or pending litigations.

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Casey seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	YES	Barbara Casey	YES
Vincent Howell	YES	David L. Romero	YES

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

Councilor Casey made a motion to reconvene into regular session after being in executive session to discuss matters subject to the attorney client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigations in which the City of Las Vegas is or may become a participant, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (7) of New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. During executive session, no decisions were made and no votes were taken. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	YES	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	YES
Barbara Casey	YES	David L. Romero	YES

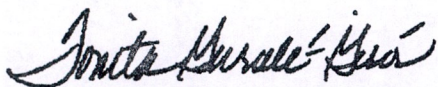
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

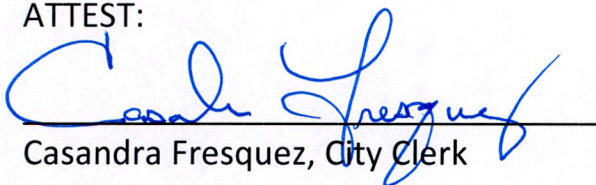
Barbara Casey	YES	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	YES
Vincent Howell	YES	David L. Romero	YES

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk